

Kalkoti language

Kalkoti, also known as **Goedijaa**,^[3] is a Dardic language of the Shina group spoken in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Pakistan.^[1] It is surrounded by languages predominantly in the Kohistani group. It is only spoken in a few villages of Kalkot.

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Phonology

The following tables outline the phonology of Kalkoti.^[4]

Vowels

	<u>Front</u>	<u>Back</u>
<u>Close</u>	ɪ~i(ː)	ʊ~u(ː)
<u>Mid</u>	eː	oː
<u>Open</u>	ə~æ(ː)~aː	ɑ(ː)~ɒ(ː)

Short vowels are slightly centralized; nasalization of vowels may be phonemic.^[4]

Consonants

Kalkoti	
Pronunciation	[kʰælkɔːt]
Native to	Pakistan
Region	Khyber Pakhtunkhwa
Native speakers	6,000 (2006) ^[1]
Language family	Indo-European - Indo-Iranian - Indo-Aryan - Dardic - Shina Kalkoti
Language codes	
ISO 639-3	xka
Glottolog	kalk1245 (http://glottolog.org/resource/language/id/kalk1245) ^[2]

		<u>Labial</u>	<u>Dental</u>	<u>Retroflex</u>	<u>Palatal</u>	<u>Velar</u>	<u>Uvular</u>	<u>Glottal</u>
<u>Nasal</u>		m	n	ɳ (?)		ŋ (?)		
<u>Plosive</u>	<u>voiceless</u>	p	t	t̪		k	q	ʔ (?)
	<u>aspirated</u>	pʰ	tʰ	t̪ʰ (?)		kʰ		
	<u>voiced</u>	b	d	d̪		g		
<u>Affricate</u>	<u>voiceless</u>		ts	tʂ	tʃ			
	<u>aspirated</u>			tʂʰ (?)	tʃʰ			
	<u>voiced</u>				dʒ			
<u>Fricative</u>	<u>voiceless</u>	(f)	s	ʂ	ʃ	x		
	<u>voiced</u>		z			ɣ		
<u>Lateral</u>			l					
<u>Flap</u>			ɾ	ɽ (?)				
<u>Approximant</u>		ʋ			j			

The phonemes /q, ʈ, x, z, ɣ, ɽ/ have likely been introduced by loanwords. The voiceless aspirate series is secure, and, unlike the neighboring *Palula* language, Kalkoti does not have a breathy voiced series. The phonemic status of /ʔ/ is unclear and is likely tied to tone in Kalkoti.

Tone

Kalkoti's system of tone likely was similar to *Shina's* two tone system; however, under pressure from its Kohistani neighbors it may now have a more complex tone inventory.^[4]

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